GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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STATUS OF L.C.A. .
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the production of the Light Combat Aircraft;

(b) the salient features of the project, its cost and expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) whether in the meantime before LCA is ready, there is any plan for procurement of such aircraft from abroad; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in pursuance thereof? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The two Technology Demonstrators (TD-1 & TD- 2) and the first prototype (PV-1) of the LCA have been fabricated. Structure and system modifications after High Speed Taxi Trials (HSTT) Phase I have been completed onTD-1. System integration checks are in progress to undertake the next phase of high speed taxi trials. Structure and system modifications on TD-2 (in line with TD-1) are nearing completion. Equipping of PV-1 is also in progress. A sum of Rs.1816 crore have been spent against Rs.2854 crore sanctioned.

(c) & (d) : Till such time the LCA is available, the shortfall is expected to be made up by MiG-Bisupgrade version which is being upgraded jointly by Mikoyan Design Bureau, Russia and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.